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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/017932

Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-11 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. 4-6 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.* 1-3 _____ received by this Authority on 14.09.2005
- nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/6-6/6 _____ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, nos. 7 _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	5, 6	YES
	Claims	1-4	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
Documents cited in the international search report:			
Document 1: JP 8-148295 A (Tokyo Electron Ltd.), 7 June 1996			
Document 2: JP 8-335568 A (Tokyo Electron Ltd.), 17 December 1996			
Document 3: JP 2001-237314 A (Applied Materials Inc.), 31 August 2001 & EP 1094503 A2 & US 6207558 B1 & KR 2001040149 A & SG 92749 A1 & TW 526583 A			
Newly cited document:			
Document 4: JP 4-188727 A (Mitsubishi Electric Corporation), 7 July 1992, page 2, lower left column, line 4 to lower right column, line 13 (Family: none)			
Claims 1 to 4			
<p>The plasma leakage prevention body 71 in the plasma processing device shown in document 1 (fig. 2) effectively surrounds the wafer, and, as set forth in document 4, for example, it is a well-known technique to form a member which concentrates plasma only between upper and lower electrodes on the wafer loading table, therefore it would be easy for a person skilled in the</p>			

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art to conceive of the invention set forth in claims 1 to 4 of this application in the light of the invention set forth in document 1.

Claims 5 and 6

Documents 1 to 4 neither disclose nor suggest a feature wherein a member which corresponds to a dam is raised and lowered, and the invention set forth in claims 5 and 6 is neither disclosed nor suggested in documents 1 to 4.